TAMAHERE

MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Nurturing Our Future - Growing Together Kia atawhai aa mua - Kia tipu ngatahi

Wiki/ Week 1 Happenings:

WELCOME BACK

I hope you were able to enjoy a refreshing and happy holiday break with your children/tamariki even with work commitments for many. For a winter holiday, we were so lucky with the weather, having many wonderful sunny days to be able to get out and about, enjoying fresh air and activity. Your children look refreshed and ready for another busy term ahead.

A few quick reminders:-

Uniform:- Thank you - most of our children look great and are correctly dressed each day.

- If extra layers of clothing are required, they need to be plain black, white or the same bottle green uniform colour. This is for socks as well.
- No Ethikas i.e. long tight knickers to be worn under shorts please.
- **School shorts** to be worn, not sports shorts please.
- Please name all uniform items and check in the Lost Property room. We still have lots!

Wet Winter Fields:-

During this term our fields can get very wet and muddy. For children who want to keep playing
and enjoying their physical games, we ask that a **change of clothes** is brought to school so
that when they return to class they are clean and dry and ready for learning again.

Road and Car Park Safety:-

- Please use our crossings in all areas and drop and pick up tamariki from inside the school gates.
- Please be considerate and leave our **disabled parking spaces** for those who need them.

Learning Conferences next week!

 Our Teacher - Parent - Student/Aakonga Learning Conferences are happening on Wednesday and Thursday next week - please book in online to ensure you have a slot kept for you. https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/xuk29

- It would be fantastic to have a **100**% turn out, so we are all on the same page and supporting the individual learning journey of each child/tamariki.
- Please be aware of our early finish and pick up at 12.30 pm next Wednesday. The bus will
 run at the normal time. Students waiting for this can attend After School Care which will
 be starting at the earlier time of 12:40 pm.

Smart Watches and Cell Phones:-

• In line with the Government directive, no cell phones or smartphones are to be used at school. Smartphones need to have their connectivity off and have the clock/time screen showing at all times. Parents and Students/Aakonga are not to be communicating directly through watches at school. Please ensure if you have any messages for your child, they are told before school or the office is contacted to relay any important messages later in the day. If these devices are being used at any time while your child is at school, they will be kept safe in the office for parents to pick up.

Starting and finishing times:-

- To keep your tamariki/children safe, please ensure they are at Before or After School Care during the times when no one is out on duty in our school grounds.
- Any child arriving at school before 8:00 am needs to go directly to Before School Care and be signed in. Before School Care is open from 7:00 am daily.
- After school if you are not able to pick your child up by 2:45 pm, they need to go to After School Care to be safe. They will be offered sandwiches and fruit, and are able to play and do craft work with others. The charge is a one hour slot initially, and then half hourly after that..
- The ideal time to arrive at school is between 8:10 and 8:25 am which gives everyone time
 to get ready for class and not have too much loose time to distract from settling to learn at
 8:30am.

Weather Tightness:-

- Due to the weather tightness programme of work happening at school, as per information later,
 Gate One will not be able to be used for most of the remainder of the school year. The bike racks are now situated at Gate 2.
- Mrs Smit's Pohutukawa 8 class began Term 3 in Puriri 5, the classroom that sits by itself between our new H block and the junior area. Please be aware of this for our Learning Conferences next week.

A few repeat pieces of information from our Term 2 Week 10 newsletter in case you missed anything as you headed into a more relaxed holiday mode.

Welcome back Mrs Bacon!

We are delighted to have Mrs Hayley Bacon back with our team this Term. Hayley has joined Mrs Adele Hickey co-teaching in Nikau One as we had planned at the start of the year. Deputy Principal Mrs Natalie Toohey will also be supporting In Nikau one to cover release times.

Horoeka 21 - Our New Entrant Classroom

After co-teaching with Mrs Hickey in Nikau One for Term 1 & 2, Mrs Christy Paladin has now got her own class again and will be welcoming our New Entrants into Horoeka 21 from this week. Christy's class will grow gradually over the next two terms as five year olds join us.

Cohort Entry:- Thank you for the feedback around Cohort entry. It was great to hear your views. With the overwhelming majority preferring to move away from the rigid Cohort System, starting from Week 3 of

next term we will be moving towards new five year olds entering school on the first Monday after their 5th birthday date. We still plan to cluster a few students, if their birth dates allow, to provide the added support at enrolment times. Newly enrolling families will be getting letters home to explain how things will be working when you transition to school with our new systems.

Classroom Release Time (CRT) Increase:- In Term 3 the next allocation of Teacher Release time will be rolled out by the government. This will mean that all classes will have extra time with a variety of teachers apart from their main classroom teacher, to allow classroom teachers time for assessment, planning and professional development. We acknowledge that this can be unsettling for some students/aakonga, but it gives our main teachers/kiako much needed time to allow them to be the best they can be when teaching your children/tamariki. Along with the general classroom support, specialist teachers will take classes out for STEAM, Te Reo Maaori, Music and Visual Arts which adds another dimension and provides extra opportunities and depth to our programmes.

Carving:- Six of our boys have been given a very special opportunity to learn how to carve, and the tikanga around it, from Matua Rei Mihaere a well-known Master Carver. Matua Rei is part of the Tipu Ake (Carving) programme with Te Kohao Health. We have been lucky enough to recieve part funding from the Ministry of Education, through our Kahui Ako - Schools Collaborative, which helps to subsidise this special programme.

Weather Tightness:- We are very excited to have finally hit the jackpot with our classrooms in need of new cladding. Due to many years of ongoing dispute between the cladding manufacturers and the Ministry of Education, a number of our classes have fallen into a rotting state as can be seen easily in the wall of Pohutukawa 8. Luckily our school has got to the top of the list and work will begin over the holidays.

Pohutukawa 8 will be the first class to be reclad and have roofing improvements to sort all weather tightness problems. The builders will then move to Rata 9, Totara 10, and Tawa 19 before sorting Kowhai 4 and then Nikau 1 and Kauri 2. Matai 11 will have some recladding. This whole process will take around six months, so there will be builders and roofers on site until well into the summer holidays, if everything goes according to schedule.

Scaffolding and security fencing will become part of our landscape to negotiate around. As you can imagine the disruption to classes will also be ongoing. We will try and make this as seamless as possible.

As with all older schools in New Zealand we do have some asbestos cladding. If there is any involvement with these areas no one will be able to remain on site and professionals will come onsite in the weekend and holiday breaks to safely contain and remove these products and fibres.

Screen Time Guidelines:- The new guidelines for screen time recently shared in the media state that 6-12 year olds should not have more than a third of the school day on devices and for under 6-year-olds to have minimal screen time. This is just to let you know that our school falls well below these guidelines. Devices are a tool we use to pick up and put down at a variety of times during the day to supplement and support learning and are not used for hours at a time.

Cyber Safety:- Network for Learning N4L - Late last term our whole school Wifi network was upgraded by N4L as part of the Ministry of Education's Cyber Security improvements for schools. This new system has been making it difficult for many of our BYOD home devices to stay connected to our re-configured Wifi System. Mr Danny Burt our IT Technician has been trying to solve these issues and we have two ways of achieving this as per below:-

1. <u>Fully Managed by the school.</u> This will involve a power wash clean and means that a student can only use a school-approved Email ID on the device. This offers the maximum protection to a student.

Please be aware that the device will need to be power-washed once the student leaves the school so a personal or another school account can be added to the device in the future. We can help and manage any of this in the future.

2. <u>Managed by a parent</u> – The school can still connect and manage these devices using a different procedure that we weren't aware of under the new system. This means multiple accounts outside the managed school system can be added to the device. This option is less secure unless a parent has set up the original child account.

Families will be able to choose which option they would like to have for their devices. A letter will be sent home shortly with further information regarding these options.

We do apologise that five devices were power-washed before we were aware of the alternative setup. These devices can be reformatted to have them managed by parents if you wish. We will contact you.

WHAKATAU WELCOME:-

Our special welcome for new students and families on Monday was, again, a lovely occasion. We will generally still continue to have a start of term and mid term welcome for new students/aakonga and their whanau despite now having our five year old's arriving on the Monday following their birthday. This means we now also welcome some of our Tupu tamariki at each whakatau rather than wait for their birthday to occur.

Nau mai Haere mai! We welcomed 12 new students/aakonga and their whaanau to our kura. We hope you all have a very happy and successful time at our school. It is great to have you with us. Thank you to the PTA again for the delicious baking we enjoyed once the official ceremonies were concluded.

Welcome:-Tommy B, Donina Z, Jamie C, Macius J, Ella Z, Finley G, Elisabeth D, Eddie B, Henrietta E, Enzo S, Jiana P, Ian C

























Learning Conferences - FINAL REMINDER - Week 2 Term 3 Wednesday 31st July & Thursday 1st August NEXT WEEK!!!

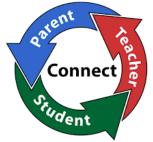
Thanks to all those who have already booked their learning conferences. **300** slots have already been taken in this **first-in-first-serve** online booking system. It would be fantastic for **every child** to have a learning conference with their parents and teacher.

(Reminder information)

Teachers have been busy testing their students and are in the process of writing mid-year reports. These will go home in Week One of next term and Learning Conferences will happen in Week Two. Please be aware that on Wednesday 31st July we will focus on our three hours of literacy and numeracy until 12:30 pm. After this, students will head home and attend their learning conferences later that afternoon or evening or on Thursday 1st August.

We are so lucky at our school to have such strong partnerships between home and school. It has been shown that the strength of the connection between parents, school and students all working together to support the learner makes a huge difference for academic and social outcomes, and helping students to reach their potential. Our Learning Conferences with nga aakonga/students included are designed to reinforce this. Our conferences will be 12 minutes to enable time for a quieter one-to-one conversation if needed. Nga aakonga/students can pop outside for a short time.

Our Learning Conferences (Student, Parent & Teacher conversations) will run from 1.15 pm through to 7.15 pm on Wednesday 31st July and from 3.00pm till 5.12pm on Thursday 1st August.



- <u>Please note</u>: On Wednesday 31st July our school day will **finish at the earlier time of 12.30pm**. We will run two longer learning blocks to cover as much class time as possible.
- After School Care will start at 12.40pm. Please note that the bus will be running at the normal time of 2.35pm. Bus students can book into afterschool care and then take the bus home, if parents wish.
- Normal school hours will resume on Thursday 1st August with our learning day concluding at the
 usual time of 2.30pm. Conferences will start after this at 3:00pm. We apologise for any
 inconvenience caused by our early conclusion of learning on Wednesday.

One Conference per child: So that each child can celebrate their learning journey with the ones they love and get all caregivers on the same page with the support required, we ask that all parents join together for this occasion to support your child and enable teachers to have the time needed for all conferences. There are not enough spaces for our split family parents to have an appointment each. We appreciate your support in this matter.

For Interviews:

Bookings for our upcoming Learning Conferences to be held on Wednesday 31st July & Thursday 1st August are **now open**.

Bookings operate on a first in first served basis.

Please book your Learning Conference times by clicking on the links provided below. We suggest you allow gaps between your different children's interviews to allow time to get from room to room.

Please follow the following link:

Learning Conference link: https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/xuk29

Book the time that you require with your child's teacher. If you do not have access to the internet or if you require any assistance with your booking, please contact Ange at the school office on 856 9238.

Miss Parker is also available for meetings, if you would like to pop in or make an appointment through the office.

We apologise for any disruption this may cause with organising leave or childcare arrangements. We thank you for your support and for valuing these special conferences.

The PTA Quiz Night is back!

Join us on Saturday 14th September for a night of quizzing fun, prizes and dress ups. Dress up is optional but there will be prizes for best dressed team! The quiz is open to anyone (not just Tamahere parents/caregivers), so spread the word.

Where: The Tamahere Community Centre (TCC) When: from 6pm to late, Saturday 14th September Teams: 6-8 people per team (or let us know if you

would like to be put in a team)

Cost: \$120 per team



How: fill out this google form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDPUkc_d_naYVJYsDSd3Ef9fl9MgryIr9kvn6dPZIUZW2vGq/viewform?usp=sf_link

BYO: drinks and food

Get your entries in before 31st August as we need a minimum number of teams to go ahead.

If you have any questions or would like to join the organising committee, email Miffy on miffyclark@hotmail.com.

Kiwi Spelling Competition - Maungatautari students

This is just a reminder that the University of Canterbury is offering the Kiwi Spelling Bee competition for year 5 and 6 students. The competitions cover grammar, spelling and vocabulary. The online competition will be run during school time in the last 3 weeks of Term 3. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to the overall top students in each year group. The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90. If your child is keen to enter, could you please message

Josh Martelli jmartelli@tamahere.school.nz by Wednesday 31st July.

Junior Netball

We are excited to announce that junior netball will continue into Term 3! We look forward to seeing our young athletes continue to develop their skills and enjoy the game.

A Special Thank You:

We would like to recognise and thank our wonderful parent coaches. Your dedication and hard work in leading the netball skills sessions during Term 2 have been incredible. Thank you once again, and we look forward to another fantastic term of netball!

Congratulations!!

Our Tamahere Tigers Basketball team won their competition last term.





Together As One! Confident Can Do Kids! Honour Be Your Guide.

Book Month

Hamilton Book Month is on throughout August with thirteen no and low-cost events. Come and hear fiction and memoir panels, author talks, a poetry celebration with NZ's Poet Laureate Chris Tse including the launch of Tracey Slaughter's latest poetry collection, four workshops covering writing fiction, memoir, poetry and how to make money from your writing, a literary pub quiz, book battle, The Bookshop Detectives Live! event, a blokes' book club plus an authors' showcase.

Authors include Emily Perkins, Anna Smaill, Emma Wehipeihana (Espiner), Ngāhuia te Awekōtuku, Craig Hoyle, Caroline Barron, Chris Tse, Tracey Slaughter, Ben Brown, Elizabeth Kirkby-McLeod, Garth and Louise Ward.

Almost all events are free, some require registration. See details at www.hamiltonbookmonth.com

AG Day 2024

We are about to begin the planning cycle for Agricultural Day 2024, which will be held on Thursday 17th October this year. Details about what Ag Day involves can be found on the school website, by <u>clicking here</u>.





Any parents who are keen to be involved in planning and coordinating the day, please email agday@tamahere.school.nz.

In order for this day to go ahead, we require a lot of parent support to organise and run the animal events. There are several smaller tasks involved, such as ordering ribbons, booking a coffee cart, coordinating the petting zoo and coordination of the vet health check day, so even if you think you can only pick up something small, please still get in touch.

Thanks!

The Ag Day Committee

Learn to raise a calf on a working dairy farm

Roger Duncan, a local dairy farmer and ex parent of Tamahere school, has a very generous offer to support any children who would like to raise a calf for Ag Day but are unable to have their calf at home. Roger's farm is on Pencarrow Road, just 5 minutes from school.



Roger is happy for any children who are keen and dedicated to learn, to visit his farm after school (as many days as they are able to, and could just be for half an hour, if that's all you have time for) to feed and practice their leading in his pen. He will assist with knowledge on rearing and leading.

Roger is then able to assist with bringing the calves to school on Ag Day and returning them to his farm afterwards.

If you would like to take up the opportunity please email agday@tamahere.school.nz and we can put you in contact.

LAMBS

Amy will be offering lambs to be raised, available from mid August. Lambs can be purchased from Amy for a small fee of \$60.00. If they are returned to her weaned after Ag day, then the fee will be refunded. Amy is able to provide advice on rearing her lambs too.

Her lambs are usually popular, so it's helpful to contact her in advance to go onto the waiting list for orphans.

Coopworth cross lambs available for Ag day: Contact Amy Beech 021 542 547



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Students of Week 10 I am a responsible risk-taker.

Kia Maia 'Confident Can Do Kids'

We strive to do our best with a positive 'can-do' attitude.

NIKAU 1	Jamie J	TANEKAHA 12	Hayley C
KAURI 2	William H	MIRO 13	Lucas C
KAWAKAWA 3	Emily S	PUKATEA 14	Yasser A
TITOKI 6	Teacher Absent	KARAKA 15	Jaykob J
RIMU 7	Jack H	MANUKA 16	Beau J
POHUTUKAWA 8	Tommy D	MAHOE 17	Mia H
TOTARA 10	Neve O	TAWA 19	Lincoln S
MATAI 11	Hudson C	HOROPITO 20	Pearl D







Upcoming Dates:

TERM 3					
July / Hōngongoi					
WEEK 2					
Rātū / Tuesday 30th	★ PTA Meeting 7pm				
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 31st	★ Learning Conferences - 1.15pm - 7.15pm				
Kanoror/ Wednesday 51st	School Closes at 12.30pm				
August/ Here-turi-kōkā					
WEEK 2					
Rāpare /Thursday 1st	★ Learning Conferences - 3.00pm - 5.12pm				
WEEK 3					
Rātū / Tuesday 6th	★ Technology ICAS				
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 7th	★ Writing ICAS				
WEEK 4					
Rātū / Tuesday 13th	★ English ICAS				
WEEK 5					
Rātū / Tuesday 20th	★ Science ICAS				
nata / racsaay 20th	★ BOT Meeting 7pm				
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 21st	★ Spelling Bee ICAS				
·	★ Whanau Hui/Kapa Haka - NZCER Research Meeting				
Rāpare / Thursday 22nd	★ TMCS Cross Country				
WEEK 6					
Rātū / Tuesday 27th	★ PHOTOLIFE Class Photos				
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 28th	★ Mathematics ICAS				
Rāmere /Friday 30th	★ Cambridge Kapa Haka Festival				
	September / Mahuru				
WEEK 7					
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 5th	★ Country Cluster Cross Country				
	WEEK 8				
Rātū / Tuesday 10th	★ BOT Meeting 7pm				
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 11th	★ WIG Wednesday				
Rāpare / Thursday 12th	★ Country Cluster Music Festival				
WEEK 10					
Rātū / Tuesday 24th	★ PRODUCTION - Matinee 11am				
Rāhoroi / Wednesday 25th	★ PRODUCTION - Matinee 11am				
•	- Night Show 6pm				
Rāpare / Thursday 26th	★ PRODUCTION - Night Show 6pm				
Rāmere /Friday 27th	★ LAST DAY OF TERM 3				

KELLY SPORTS

Kelly Sports operates an After School Sports Programme at our school on a Thursday afternoon, during term time. This weekly programme gives children aged between 5 and 8 years active skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future. This term Kelly Sport has a 6 week programme focusing on the following sports: Football, Cricket, Rippa Rugby and Athletics. Book online at www.kellysports.co.nz. The children meet the coaches at the Tamahere Community Centre (TCC Building) for the sessions that go from 2.40pm to 3.40pm for 6 weeks.



Please book online by going to www.kellysports.co.nz/waikato or you are welcome to call 07 839 9017, if you have any questions.

PTA MEETING - Tuesday 30th July

Would you like to meet twice a term and help support our school?

If yes, please come along to the Staffroom at 7.00pm next Tuesday 30th July, to join in with the PTA. We are an informal group of mums and dads who work together to fundraise for school improvements.

If you have any questions please get in touch with us at pta@tamahere.school.nz



Berkley Normal Middle School - Information Evening Thursday 1st August - 6.00pm - 7.30pm

An evening structured for prospective parents and students to be informed about the extensive range of programmes on offer at Berkley.

Please note: Out of Zone Enrolments are welcomed and must be with the school office by Friday 25th August 2023.



A copy of the Berkley prospectus was sent home with your Year 6 children today. Contact school office: 856 6537, office@berkley.school.nz or www.berkley.school.nz

ICAS 2024: ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 29th JULY

We are delighted to inform you that Tamahere Model Country School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year. (Available for Year 4, 5, & 6 students only)

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals.

Learn more about ICAS here

The exams will be held at school on the following dates:

- Digital Technologies Tuesday 6th August
- Writing Wednesday 7th August
- English Wednesday 13th August
- Science Tuesday 20th August
- Spelling Wednesday 21st August
- Mathematics Wednesday 28th August





How to participate in ICAS - Entry this year is via direct online ordering by parents and closes on *Monday 29th July (All subjects)

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

- 1. read about ICAS subjects and prices here:
- 2. read the terms and conditions here:
- 2. go to Parent Portal here:
- 3. enter our school's access code LVS217
- 4. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS tests shown for selection are at the school's discretion.

After payment is made, via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, **please keep this for your records.**

We will notify you when your child's ICAS results are ready. You and your child can access the results once released via the Reports Portal using the TAP ID and pin found on the back of the ICAS certificate.

The following information is a *privacy notification* about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

Privacy Collection Statement

Janison is aware of our responsibility to protect the identity of, and all information relating to, children, and students in general, from disclosure and consequently Janison does not:

- · collect any personal information or data of children other than as required for the purposes of completion of the assessment, test or exam;
- · transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of assessments, tests or exams conducted in Australia to any jurisdiction outside of Australia other than with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of assessments, tests or exams conducted in other international regions out of the child's jurisdiction other than with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- · share any personal information or data relating to children or students with any third parties (other than a third party whose services are necessary for servicing our products, e.g. print/distribution companies, medal engraving, etc.) except with the specific consent of the person, or his or her parent or guardian;
- · use any personal information or data relating to children or students for marketing purposes.

We are proud to offer ICAS and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions. Kind regards,

Heather Wilson - Office Administrator

Book Swap

The book swap last term was a fantastic success!!

There was an amazing selection of books and it was a busy time in the library. I was so busy swapping books for students I didn't get time to take any photos.

Over 350 books were swapped among over 80 students!

Community Notices









